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Dear Mr. Byrne:

We are very pleased to learn that Mr. Rich Kobakoff of your staff will address the Midcareer Course on Wednesday, 26 June 1985, from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. in Room 916, Chamber of Commerce Building, 4600 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia. The title of the segment is "International Narcotics Trafficking and the US Enforcement Effort." [redacted]

This Midcareer Course consists of 27 middle-level professional intelligence officers from all parts of the Agency. They represent a broad range of backgrounds and experience. The average Agency service for this class is about 12 years. You should know that we are continuing to use the tasking exercise initiated in a previous running. A group of students will have been assigned a narcotics tasking problem revolving around cocaine from Colombia. The small group will have read the following intelligence reports:

- o The International Flow of Drug Money: Implications for US Policy
- o Drug Trafficking and Processing Facilities in Southeastern and Northern Colombia
- o Colombia: Crisis on the Drug Front
- o Drug-Trafficking Activity in the Bahamas
- o The Peruvian Cocaine Industry [redacted]

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25X1 In addition, the group has a one and one-half page Background Information sheet titled "The Latin American Cocaine Trade" prepared by the Assistant National Intelligence Officer. Robert

[] The group is charged with presenting to [] for his evaluation its solution to the overall question: "Where do we go from here on Colombian cocaine?" as well as answers to these additional questions:

- Has our past reporting on Colombia focused on the right issues or have we had tunnel vision? For example, have we paid too much attention to drug facilities and not enough on drug traffickers themselves?
- Are there valuable sources of information that we haven't seemed to use thus far?
- What about the impact of the cocaine trade on Colombia? Should we even be concerned about this?
- We seem to have focused on clandestine trafficking facilities, but what if the major cocaine traffickers are defeating our interdiction efforts by shipping bulk quantities of cocaine to the United States via legitimate commercial channels? How can we begin to probe this in Colombia? Does this question raise the possibility of other collection gaps?
- Do we already seem to know enough about Colombia? Maybe it's time to focus more on transit areas such as The Bahamas or offshore money-laundering centers such as Panama. []

25X1 We felt Mr. Kobakoff would want to know about the tasking problem in order to answer probable student questions on the topic. []

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25X1 A few days before Mr. Kobakoff's talk, the training assistant
for the course, [redacted] will call your office to confirm
the session and make parking and graphic support arrangements.
25X1 If you have any questions before that time, please contact Jeanne
[redacted] the course director, on [redacted]

25X1 Sincerely,

Director
of
Training and Education

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